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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 2572 (Kehoe), which is an onerous water metering bill that fails to take into consideration the unique topography of Northern California.

As a representative of the Lake Tahoe Basin for 15 years, I am very familiar with the distinct needs of the area. Lake Tahoe is very unique, and the "one-size-fits-all" approach used in this measure simply will not result in significant water savings in the city of South Lake Tahoe. It is therefore unreasonable for the state to require the region to undertake this enormous cost, especially considering all of the other costs the region faces under the Porter-Cologne Act.

Household water usage in South Lake Tahoe is already well below many communities that currently have water meters. Per household water usage ranges from 147 gallons to 197 gallons, which includes the enormous fluctuation in population caused by weekend visitors. The city also enforces a strict policy limiting landscape watering to three days a week in the summer – even during drought conditions.

The winters in Tahoe will also make implementation of this measure exceedingly difficult. In order to be completed by January 2005, the water district would have to install nearly 100 meters a month during the shortened construction season. This shortened construction timeframe means that the district would most likely have to forgo other necessary projects in order to meet the deadline stipulated in AB 2572.

Due to regulations enacted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), South Lake Tahoe has a growth-rate approaching zero. It simply makes no sense to require the South Lake Tahoe comply with this act when there will be very little, if any, benefit achieved from installing water meters.

Again, I respectfully request that you veto AB 2572. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Leslie".

**TIM LESLIE**  
Assemblyman, Fourth District

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cc: South Tahoe Public Utility District